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TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS - ENDANGERED
SPECIES ACT CONSERVATION ACT OF 1969

1. THE U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE IS CURRENTLY
INVESTIGATING A POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF THE SUBJECT LAW BY
TWO U.S. CITIZENS WHO REPORTEDLY HUNTED IN ZAMBIA IN 1973.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ZAMBIA LAW WAS ALSO VIOLATED.

2. THE FACTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ON 10/27/73 A SHIPMENT OF GAME TROPHIES ARRIVED IN NEW
ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, ON BOARD DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER
883 FROM ZAMBIA. THE AIR WAYBILL NUMBER WAS 142-60870482.
THIS SHIPMENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ZAMBIA EXPORT PERMIT
GAME TROPHY NUMBER 2307 DATED 4/24/73 ISSUED TO GLEN SLADE
AND ROY HORLACK, C/O WILDLIFE ENTERPRISES, P.O. BOX 3358,
LUSAKA, ZAMBIA.

THIS PERMIT LISTED THE FOLLOWING TROPHIES:
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2 IMPALLA HORNS AND CAPE

2 SITATUNGA HORNS

2 SITATUNGA CAPE AND FEET

2 TISESSEBA HORNS AND FEET
1 ORIBI CAPE AND SKULL
(SHOT ON SAFARI)

3. IT HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN DETERMINED THAT THIS SHIPMENT CONTAINED TWO (2) BLACK LECHWE, AN ENDANGERED SPECIES, WHICH WAS NOT LISTED ON THE EXPORT PERMIT NOR DECLARED UPON ENTRY INTO THE U. S. THE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION ACT OF 1969 PROHIBITED THE IMPORTATION INTO THE U. S. OF ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES.

4. TO CONTINUE THIS INVESTIGATION IT IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN PROOF THAT GLEN SLADE AND ROY HORLACK, BOTH RESIDENTS OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, WERE ACTUALLY IN ZAMBIA IN 1973. THEREFORE, AMEMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE DIRECTOR, WILDLIFE FISHERIES AND NATIONAL PARKS, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA, AND ADVISE OF PARA 2, 3 AND 4 OF THIS TELEGRAM. AMEMBASSY FURTHER REQUESTED TO OBTAIN:

(A) CERTIFIED COPIES OF ZAMBIA HUNTING PERMITS ISSUED TO SLADE AND HORLACK AS WELL AS ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE WHICH WOULD TEND TO PROVE THAT SLADE AND HORLACK HAD BEEN IN ZAMBIA IN 1973.

(B) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE GUIDE OR OUTFITTER EMPLOYED BY SLADE AND HORLACK AND, IF POSSIBLE, OBTAIN A STATEMENT FROM THIS GUIDE CERTIFYING THAT SLADE AND HORLACK WERE IN ZAMBIA AND GIVING THE DETAILS OF THEIR HUNT.

(C) A STATEMENT FROM WILDLIFE ENTERPRISES, P.O. BOX 3358, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF THEIR BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH SLADE AND HORLACK INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, COPIES OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR CONTRACTS FOR 1973 AND A LIST OF TROPHIES ACTUALLY SHIPPED TO SLADE AND HORLACK IN 1973.

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5. AMEMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EXEMPLIFY ALL INFORMATION OBTAINED USING PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN 7 FAM 834 SO THAT IT WILL BE ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE IN U. S. COURTS.

6. IN REPLY PLEASE PASS TO T.L. STRIEGLER, DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D. C. KISSINGER

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